The Clarion Call

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Newsletter of the Department of Massachusetts

Department Commander's Message

Brothers,

I am back from National Encampment, much energized about the future of the SUVCW. Congratulations to Brother Kevin Tucker (PDC), our new Commander in Chief, and Brother Dan Murray, our new Senior Vice Commander in Chief! We have excellent leadership in the National Organization, and I look forward to a very productive year.

At the Department Level, we have lost 5 Brothers who passed away in the past year. Additionally, we have cleaned up the list of Members at Large and have dropped a few of those members with whom we have lost contact. That brings the number of Brothers in the Department below 160.

We need to continue to grow our membership. Recruiting is still our No. 1 priority, and every Brother is a recruiter! Please work this year to recruit one new Brother to our order before our next Department Encampment.

Only three Camps had a positive increase in membership last year: Camp 54, Camp 5, and Camp 104. Websites do not recruit new Brothers; Brothers recruit Brothers. Sources to tap for recruiting new Brothers include veterans' organizations such as the American Legion and the VFW, as well as other Patriotic Fraternal organizations like the Sons of the American Revolution and the Masons. Tell people about us and be prepared to share the good works we do and the fraternity we enjoy.

I encourage all Camps to plan one event and invite public participation. Topics for upcoming events could be POW/MIA Recognition Day and Veterans Day, among others.

Thank you for your service to the SUVCW and our community!

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Rod

Help Recruit a New Brother Today

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS

JOIN TODAY!

We invite you to join any Camp in Massachusetts and become part of a national network of men who form lifelong bonds, honor their heroic ancestors, and promote historic preservation, education, and patriotism in their communities.

Hereditary, Associate, and Junior Memberships

Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty

Visit the Department of Massachusetts website at www.suvmass.org for more membership information

DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS

☞ Gettysburg Remembrance Day Trip ☜

November 13 - 16, 2025

PRE-REGISTRATION

Complete trip includes:

- Round trip bus transportation
- Tour –The new Adams County Historical Society. It includes a narrated tour of the farmhouses on the Battlefield. A boxed lunch will be provided and admission to the Beyond the Battle Museum. Duration: including boxed lunch: 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- All other meals are on your own
- Three nights (per person, double occupancy) at the Quality Inn on Steinwehr Avenue in Gettysburg, including a free continental breakfast daily
- Free long-term parking at Woburn or Sturbridge

PRE-REGISTRATION

Name(s)_____

Address_____

_____

Telephone No. and email address_____

TOTAL PAYMENT(S) ENCLOSED
Complete Trip Cost $390.00 p.p.d.o. $_____

Non-refundable Deposit $100.00 per person (required by October 18th) $_____

Grand Total enclosed $_____

Balance Due by November 5th, 2024 $_____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO "DEPT OF MA SUVCW" AND MAIL TO:
Daniel Murray,
40 Lake Road
Brentwood, NH 03833-6206

If Parking:
Make, model and license plate number of vehicle _____

Location you'll be parked (Woburn or Sturbridge) _____

New Graphics on National Website

The National Committee for the Promotion of the Order is developing graphics for Departments and Camps to use in their social media and other outward-facing communications. The graphics are specific to patriotic holidays and can be found at https://suvcw.org/patriotic-holiday-graphics. You can navigate to the page by clicking on "Who We Are" menu at the top of the National webpage and selecting "Graphics and Icons". Once on the Graphics and Icons page, Scroll down until you see the link to the "Patriotic Holiday Graphics" on the left.

POW/MIA Recognition Day Graphics are up now and soon Veterans Day graphics will be posted there as well. As the Committee develops the new graphics, they will be posted to this page.

Memorial Day and Juneteenth

POW-MIA National Day of Recognition

America 250

Department Purchases Tripod for Lifting and Setting Headstones

The Department has purchased a tripod and winch for use by camps in the lifting and resetting of headstones. So, if your Camp has a project coming up and would like to borrow the tripod, please reach out to myself as Department Quartermaster. You, or a representative of your camp, will be required to fill out and sign the attached usage agreement form and agree to a return date. I have also attached a photo of the tripod and winch in use recently by Camp 104.

Please reach out for further information.

Fraternally,
John Wilder
Department Senior Vice Commander
Department Quartermaster
SUVCW Department of Massachusetts

TRIPOD USAGE AGREEMENT

The Department of Massachusetts SUVCW has purchased a tripod and winch for use by the individual Camps within the jurisdiction for the resetting of headstones or similar. All work must be done with the approval of the individual, organization, or municipality that owns the stone/plot; as such, usage of this tripod and winch does not indicate the Department of Massachusetts' endorsement of the work.

Usage of the tripod and winch will be within the best practices and safe usage limits as laid out in the included instruction manual. As such, the Department of Massachusetts accepts no liability for any injury sustained or damage caused by the usage of the tripod and winch. It is highly suggested that training in headstone resetting be sought out from one of the experienced members of the Department and that straps or slings of sufficient quality and condition be used to attach the winch to the stone.

While in possession of the user, the tripod must be safely stored and returned to the Department Quartermaster (or his designee) within the agreed-upon time period and in the same condition it was received. Any damage beyond normal wear may result in the Department financially assessing the Camp for repair or replacement.

Camp #: _____ Responsible member: _____

Position within the Camp: _____

Contact #: _____ Contact email:_____

Project location: _____

Receipt date: _____ Agreed return date:_____

By signing below I agree to the above conditions and will ensure my fellow Camp members will follow the same:

Responsible member signature:_____ Date:_____

I have reviewed the above with the Responsible Member and have provided and overview of setup and operation of the tripod and winch:

Department Quartermaster or designee signature: _____ Date: _____

The tripod and winch was returned by the Responsible member (or their designee) and I find it to be in the condition it was received with no damage beyond normal wear:

Department Quartermaster or designee signature: _____ Date:_____

If damage is incurred, provide description and date:

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Presentation of the Minutemen of ’61 Medal

By Brian Pierson, PCinC

Early this year, the Department of Massachusetts partnered with the MA National Guard to present unclaimed medals awarded by the Commonwealth in 1902 to the first volunteers to answer the call to their descendants. The Department published a list of the recipients who had not claimed their medals. Imagine my surprise when I found that one of those medals had been awarded to one of my veteran ancestors, Pvt Rufus Harris, 4th Massachusetts.

During the National Encampment I had the honor to be presented with the service medal of my veteran ancestor. It is an indescribable feeling to have been given such a direct and tangible tribute to his service. My deepest thanks to the Massachusetts National Guard and especially to Staff Sergeant and Camp Commander Matthew Ahern of Charles H. Bond Camp No. 104, Department of Massachusetts.
My sincere thanks to then-SVCinC Tucker for his presentation and for his moving and eloquent address, which is reproduced below for you. I truly hope that more of these medals will be reunited with the families of the servicemen who earned them.

Address by Brother Kevin Tucker

Commander Martin, Brothers—

Today, we gather in a spirit of remembrance and gratitude.

We pause not simply to reflect on the past—but to honor it. To give voice to the legacy of a remarkable group of patriots. Men known as the Minutemen of ’61.

These were the very first volunteers to answer the call of President Abraham Lincoln, following the bombardment of Fort Sumter and the sudden outbreak of civil war in April of 1861.
Much like their namesakes of 1775— those citizen soldiers who stood ready at a moment’s notice at Lexington and Concord— the Minutemen of 1861 responded without hesitation, without delay, and without knowing what dangers lay ahead.

When President Lincoln called for 75,000 troops to defend the Union, these men—farmers and laborers, merchants and students, immigrants and native-born alike— stepped forward from their communities and into the ranks of history.

They left behind their homes, their livelihoods, and their families, not in pursuit of glory or reward, but to preserve the fragile idea of a united republic— "government of the people, by the people, for the people."

Some of these early volunteers, including members of the 6th Massachusetts Infantry, faced violence before even reaching the battlefield— as they passed through the streets of Baltimore and were met with bloodshed and hostility. Their sacrifice began the moment they stepped forward.

The 3rd and 4th regiments were the first volunteers to occupy seceded soil at Fort Monroe Virginia. The 6th suffered the first casualties of the war. The 5th stayed past their 90 day enlistment term to fight at Bull Run, and the 8th guarded the USS Constitution from Confederates when it was in Annapolis at the Naval Academy. And their courage helped to steady the Union at one of the most uncertain and vulnerable moments in its history.

In recognition of this extraordinary service, In 1902, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts authorized the creation of the Minutemen of ’61 Medal— to be presented to those who volunteered for federal service between April 15 and May 3, 1861.

Each medal was struck in honor of a specific soldier. Each name preserved in metal—an enduring testament to courage and principle.

Today, we are privileged to continue that legacy.

These original medals, long forgotten and sealed away for generations, have been rediscovered— over 700 unclaimed medals are stored at the museum.

Through the dedicated efforts of the 126th Military History Detachment, this collection of honor has been preserved at the Massachusetts National Guard Museum in Concord, Massachusetts.— and is now, at long last, being reconnected with the descendants of the men who earned them.

If your ancestor served in one of the qualifying Massachusetts units during those first days, and if his medal is still among those held in the museum’s care, you may apply to receive the medal designated in his name.

In doing so, you do more than reclaim a piece of family history— you restore a legacy. You bring the story of sacrifice, duty, and devotion back into the light where it belongs.

And so today, with profound reverence and immense pride, we present the first of these Minutemen of ’61 Medals to Past Commander-in-Chief Brian Pierson, in honor of his direct ancestor, Private Rufus Harris of Company F, Fourth Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteer Militia— whose swift and selfless response in the earliest days of the Civil War helped preserve this nation.

Activated on April 16, 1861, the Fourth Regiment was composed of companies primarily from Norfolk County with headquarters in Quincy, Massachusetts. Private Harris’ Company F of Foxboro, Massachusetts, had offered its services, if they should be needed, "at any point of our country" as early as January 10, 1861.

The 4th had the honor of being the first regiment to leave the state, entraining for Fall River en route to Fort Monroe on the afternoon of April 17. Initially sent to reinforce Fortress Monroe on the Virginia Peninsula, the Fourth became the first Union volunteer regiment to set foot on seceded territory. Five companies of the 4th participated in the Battle of Big Bethel on June 10, 1861. After the battle, the regiment performed garrison duty in Hampton, Virginia. The 90-day militia regiment returned to Boston and mustered out on July 22, 1861.

After the war, Rufus Harris was a Member of Captain Horace Niles Post# 110, Grand Army of the Republic in Randolph, Massachusetts

On behalf of the Massachusetts National Guard, Staff Sergeant and Camp Commander Matthew Ahern and the Brothers of Charles H. Bond Camp No. 104, Department of Massachusetts— I present to you this medal in solemn tribute, not only to the Union hero who earned it, but to the ideals for which he stood— and to the family who now carries that legacy forward.

May his memory be eternal.

The End of Slavery

By Brother Dan Anderson

The question of the date that slavery ended for each state is a complicated one, especially when discussing the Confederate states, or the Union slave states that existed after the Civil War.

It is important to note that as a condition for rejoining the Union, the Confederate states needed to ratify the 13th Amendment. Some say that for 7 of the 11 Confederate states, slavery ended on the date they ratified the 13th Amendment, since they were part of the 3/4 used to certify it. Tennessee is notably absent from this list, since it adopted a new state constitution abolishing slavery before it ratified the 13th Amendment.

Some point to the dates for four states where they celebrate days when one of their cities was occupied by the Union Army (emancipation days). Notably, South Carolina and Virginia are included in both categories, which adds to the confusion. Establishing an Emancipation Day for many states is also difficult. The Emancipation Proclamation only applied to Confederate areas not already under Union control. Thus, it did not end slavery in the Confederate states of Tennessee and portions of Virginia and Louisiana. Also, enforcement was dependent on when the Union Army took control of a new Confederate area. However, there was no guarantee that the Union Army would actually enforce the Emancipation Proclamation, as they often moved on to the next battle.

The third date that can be referenced is December 18, 1865, when the 13th Amendment was certified by Secretary of State William Seward. Mississippi is clearly on this date since they are not in either of the two previous categories. However, some use this date for some or all of the other Confederate states as well.

The only Confederate states where the dates for the end of slavery are most easily agreed upon are Mississippi (December 18) and Tennessee (state constitution). In recent years, however, emancipation days are seeing a rise in popularity as the date chosen to represent slavery's end.

For Union slave states, you would expect the date to be clear: December 18, 1865. However, this is incorrect. While it is true that Delaware and Kentucky fall into this category, the same cannot be said for New Jersey.

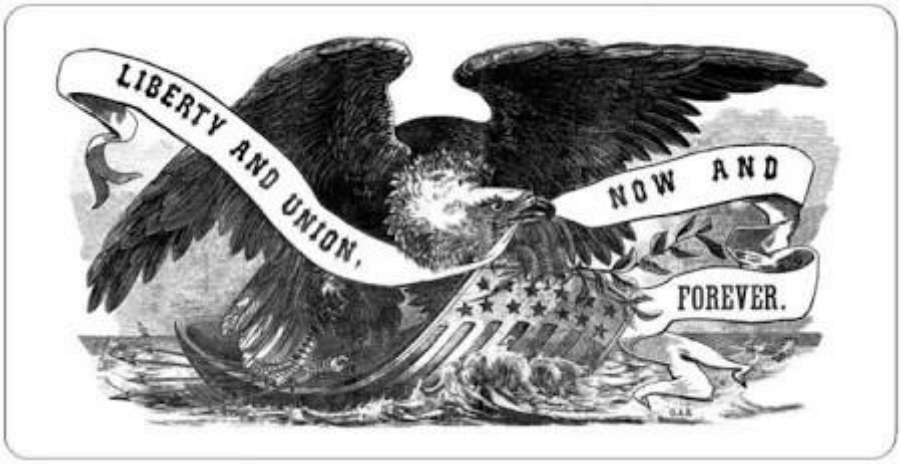
While New Jersey had passed several laws in the 1800s that ultimately reduced slavery, slavery still existed in the state. In 1846, the state legislature passed "An Act to Abolish Slavery," which turned the remaining enslaved peoples into "apprentices for life." The federal census still considered these "apprentices" to be slaves. When the 13th Amendment was certified, there were still approximately 16 African American "apprentices" in New Jersey. These 16 "apprentices" were not freed until January 23, 1866, when, in his first official act as governor, Marcus L. Ward signed a state Constitutional Amendment that abolished slavery. Thus, slavery in New Jersey was not officially ended until over seven months after Juneteenth and over one month after the certification of the 13th Amendment.

Adding to the confusion is that states continued ratifying the 13th Amendment even after it became the law of the land, with Mississippi famously becoming the last of the 36 post-Civil War states to ratify it in 1995 and certify it in 2013. However, they were able to rejoin the Union in 1870 because (1) they had abolished slavery in their state constitution in 1868, and (2) to become a US state, they had to accept the US Constitution in its entirety, and the 13th Amendment had already been ratified.

As for what date should be used to celebrate the end of slavery in the United States, should we use the day slavery was prohibited in all states by the US Constitution, the day it was actually over for the last 16 “apprentices”, or the latest recorded Emancipation Day? Unfortunately for those who prefer a definitive answer, currently, none exists.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Dan Anderson
Patriotic Instructor
Willie Grout Camp 25
SUVCW



Report on the National Encampment

By Department Commander Roderick Fraser

Brothers, we had a very successful and productive National Encampment in Houston, Texas. Our Brothers in the Department of Texas and Louisiana really rolled out the red carpet for us. Our very own Brother Kevin Tucker (PDC) was elected as Commander-in-Chief of the SUVCW! Congratulations, Brother Kevin! Our very own Brother Daniel Murray was elected Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief! Congratulations, Brother Dan!

Brother Robert Payne of the Department of Michigan was elected Junior Vice Commander in Chief.

Once again, the Department of Massachusetts was a voting powerhouse at National Encampment with 11 voting delegates, tied for third place with the Department of the Chesapeake (see table below). Our votes put Brother Robert Amsler of Missouri over the top for the contested open Council of Administration seat in a tight election between two exceptionally talented and qualified Brothers.

Department	Delegates
Texas	20
California & Pacific	12
Chesapeake	11
Massachusetts	**11**
Michigan	9
Missouri	8
Ohio	8
Georgia & South Carolina	6
Tennessee	6
Oklahoma	5
Rhode Island	5
Arkansas	4
Florida	4
Kansas	4
Southwest	4
Indiana	3
Nebraska	3
New York	3
Wisconsin	3
Alabama	2
Colorado & Wyoming	2
Illinois	2
Kentucky	2
New jersey	2
North Carolina	2
New Hampshire	1
Pennsylvania	1
Vermont	1
Columbia	0
Connecticut	0
Iowa	0
Maine	0
Total	**144**

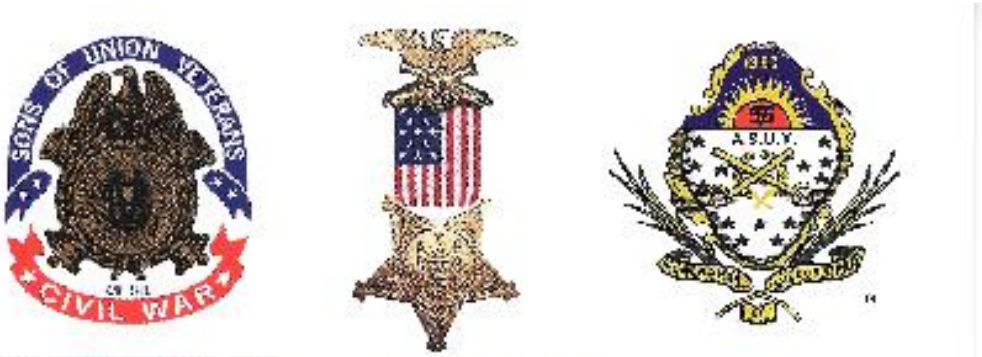
Two new National Special Committees were formed, one to plan for the 150th Anniversary of the founding of the SUVCW and one to study eliminating Camp and Department dues for life members. Brother Dan Murray will be the Chair of the Life Member Dues Committee.

The following year marks the 250th Anniversary of the United States, and the new CinC has tasked the Special Committee on the 250th Birthday of the USA with putting together guidance for “250 for 250” a special SUVCW project where every Camp participates in at least one American Revolution Anniversary Event. More guidance will soon be forthcoming.

Next year's National Encampment will be held in Gettysburg, PA, from July 30 to August 2, 2026. I encourage you all to mark those dates in your calendars and plan to attend our next national Encampment. On to Gettysburg!

The Massachusetts delegation at the National Encampment in Houston TX

Thank You from Kevin Martin



Thank You

from

SUVCW 2024-2025 Commander-in-Chief Kevin L. Martin

ASUVCW 2024-2025 National President Rosemary S. Martin

Commander Rod Fraser,

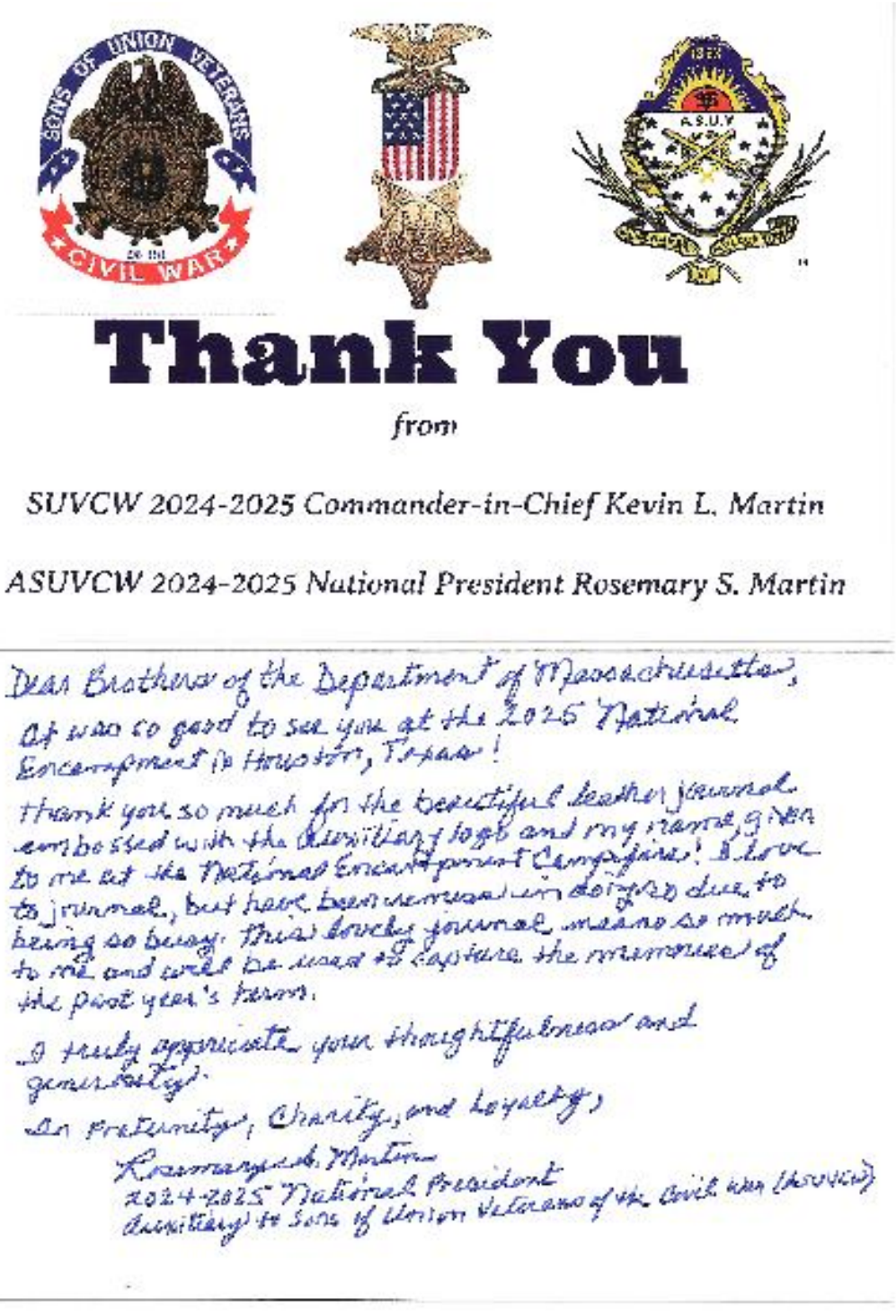
First, thank you for all the brothers of the Department of Massachusetts who traveled and attended the National Encampment in Houston, Texas. I truly appreciate your commitment to being in attendance.

As for the gifts you presented us at the Campfire from your Department including a Civil War Arty S.Mint and an engraved Pocket Watch - thank you so much! I have a small collection of pocket watches that I treasure and this one is one I will always cherish!

Please share my appreciation with the rest of your Department.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty; /Cinc Kevin L Martin

Thank You from Rose Martin



Thank You

from

SUVCW 2024-2025 Commander-in-Chief Kevin L. Martin

ASUVCW 2024-2025 National President Rosemary S. Martin

Dear Brothers of the Department of Massachusetts,

It was so good to see you at the 2025 National Encampment in Houston, Texas!

Thank you so much for the beautiful leather journal embossed with the Auxiliary logo and my name, given to me at the National Encampment Campfire! I love to journal, but have been unusually delayed due to being so busy. This lovely journal means so much to me and will be used to capture the memories of the past year's terms.

I truly appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity!

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Rosemary S. Martin
2024-2025 National President
Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (ASUVCW)

Department Honor Guard at Blessing of the Fleet

The Department of Massachusetts SUVCW was well represented at the Lynn "Blessing of the Fleet" ceremony on June 29, 2025, by the Department Honor Guard.

Proper Wearing of the Badges of the Order

While we do not typically include General Orders from the National SUVCW in the *Clarion Call*, as those orders are communicated to Brothers by other means, the proper wearing of the Order's badges is particularly important, since those badges are one of the most recognizable symbols of the Order. As such, General Order #3 from Commander-in-Chief, Kevin Tucker, is reprinted here in its entirety as a simple reminder.

General Order No. 3
Series 2025-2026'
27 August 2025

Proper Wearing of the Badges of the Order

1. The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, as the legal successor to the Grand Army of the Republic, is bound together by a solemn duty of fraternal honor and public example. Among the outward symbols of this duty are the badges and insignia of our Order.

2. It has been observed that, at times, Brothers wear these badges in a manner inconsistent with the Constitution, Regulations, and Ritual of the SUVCW. In order to preserve the dignity of our heritage and to ensure uniformity, all Brothers are hereby reminded to adhere strictly to the established provisions governing the display and wearing of our insignia.

3. The Constitution and Regulations of the SUVCW clearly prescribe the following principles:'

    - *"Officers, Members, Associates, Juniors, Junior Associates and Honorary Members of the Order, while in Camp, Department or National Encampment, on parade or while performing other duties of the Order (other than while performing tasks involving manual labor), shall be identified by the wearing of a Badge of the Order upon the left breast. Brothers should take care to ensure their dress is appropriate to the occasion, such as business attire."* (Constitution and Regulations, Article VI, Badges and Medals, Section 1.)

    - Badges shall not be altered, defaced, or adorned in any way contrary to official specifications.

    - The badges of the Order shall not be worn as decoration for non-fraternal purposes, nor in any manner that would bring discredit upon the Order.

    - When representing the SUVCW at any public event, Brothers are expected to wear the badge of the Order. The only exception to this requirement is when participating in designated work details.

4. Department Commanders, Camp Commanders, and all elected and appointed officers are instructed to ensure that these regulations are followed at all SUVCW functions and ceremonies. Brothers are reminded that they represent the legacy of the Union soldier in all public appearances, and their bearing must reflect the honor of that charge.

5. Let every Brother remember that the badges we wear are not mere ornaments, but emblems of remembrance for the sacrifices and loyalty of the of the Boys in Blue.

6. Attached to this General Order is a summary of the regulations (with images for clarity) for the proper wearing of Badges of the Order. Please review it and make sure you maintain compliance with SUVCW Regulations concerning the wearing of Badges of the Order.

FROM THE PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

The Minute Men of 1861: Massachusetts Answers the Call Again

When the telegraph wires crackled with news of the attack on Fort Sumter in April 1861, the first Northern state to answer President Lincoln's call for troops was Massachusetts. And the first of its soldiers to head into the brewing storm were a special regiment that evoked the spirit of 1775: the 8th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, nicknamed the "Minute Men."

Unlike the celebrated volunteer militias who rushed to defend Washington, the 8th Massachusetts's mission was one of sheer, practical necessity. Their commander was not a career soldier but a politically connected, shrewd lawyer: Colonel Benjamin F. Butler. Their initial enemy was not a Confederate army, but the geography of a divided Maryland.

A Perilous Route to an Isolated Capital

In the days after Sumter, secessionist sympathy in Maryland ran hot. Mobs attacked Massachusetts troops passing through Baltimore, and key rail bridges were burned. Washington, D.C., was suddenly cut off from the North, a capital under threat and isolated.

The 8th Massachusetts, along with the 7th New York Infantry, was given a critical, unglamorous task: secure the route. They disembarked at Annapolis, where the Naval Academy was threatened and the rail line was damaged. Butler, displaying the cunning that would later define his controversial career, commandeered a train and put his men to work repairing the destroyed tracks.

The Spirit of '75 in a New War

Their nickname was well-earned. Like their Revolutionary forefathers, they were among the first to move, acting with speed and determination to respond to a national crisis. They were not waiting for an invasion of their homeland; they were proactively opening a lifeline to someone else's.

Their success was immediate and crucial. Within days, the 8th Massachusetts had helped reopen the Annapolis & Elk Ridge Railroad, reconnecting Washington to the Northern states. This allowed the steady flow of troops and supplies that would be essential for the defense of the capital. They were the mechanics who fixed the pipe before the water could flow.

The 8th Massachusetts's story is a brief but vital chapter in the opening days of the war. They were the first to arrive, not with a dramatic battle cry, but with tools and tenacity. They ensured that the thousands of volunteers who followed them—the great armies of the Union—had a road to war to walk down. In doing so, they proved that the spirit of the Minuteman—ready at a minute's notice—was alive and well in 1861.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

George Maple
Department Patriotic Instructor

CAMP NEWS & EVENTS

Camp 54 Adds Two New Members

On September 6, 2025, Colonel Robert Gould Shaw, Camp #54 held their monthly meeting at the Hyde Park Public Library in the city of Boston. Brother Whitney J. Halloran and Brother Christian H. Davis were added as the Camp's newest members at this meeting.

Brother Halloran was able to attend the meeting and was presented with his membership certificate by Department Commander Rod Fraser. He was then presented with his membership badge by Camp Commander Ron Glidden.

Camp 25 Grave Dedication

Willie Grout Camp 25 will hold a dedication ceremony for the newly installed gravestone of Hiram Miles. The dedication is at Maplewood Cemetery, Marlborough, MA, at 11 AM on Saturday, September 20, 2025.

DEPARTMENT NEWS

Deceased Brothers Reported 2025-2026

Name	Camp	DOD	Age
Cary Holmes	Camp 61	8/29/2025	83
Franklin Haley	Camp 22	7/31/2024	83
Norman Wheeler	Camp 22	9/16/2017	87

Life Members

Congratulations to Brother Mark Lewis, late of Camp 61, who has received his Life Membership in the National Organization of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. The Department of Massachusetts currently has 155 members, 21 of whom are Life Members. Consider becoming a Life Member and join the Brothers listed here.

Reg. #	Life Members 2025	Camp
108	Marley, James G D	Maj T B Griffith Camp - MAL 22
188	Gauthier, Joseph R.	Charles H Bond Camp 104
571	Knight, Robert H	L A Tifft Camp 15
716	Mellor PCinC, Perley E	Willie Grout Camp 25
768	Manning, John Thomas	Satuit Camp 3188
788	Presbrey Jr, Wendell B	Maj T B Griffith Camp - MAL 22
796	Hansen, Thomas Stansfield	Charles H Bond Camp 104
927	Murray, Daniel W	Charles H Bond Camp 104
931	Norris PCinC, Edward J	Willie Grout Camp 25
933	Ginsberg, John Derek	Satuit Camp 3188
1025	Ford, Jarat Lee	Satuit Camp 3188
1026	Ford, James Taylor	Satuit Camp 3188
1080	Pinzino, James Francis	Willie Grout Camp 25
1104	Tucker C in C, Kevin Paul	Charles H Bond Camp 104
1108	Naughton, William Benton	Charles H Bond Camp 104
1110	Fraser Jr, Roderick Joseph	Col Robert Gould Shaw Camp 54
1119	Wilder, John William	Charles H Bond Camp 104
1127	Morse, Robert Mark	L A Tifft Camp 15
1134	Dupre', John Joseph	Willie Grout Camp 25
1203	Glidden, Ronald C	Col Robert Gould Shaw Camp 54
1251	Lewis, Mark	Maj T B Griffith Camp - MAL 22

CLARION CALL PUBLICATION DATES AND ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

The Clarion Call is published quarterly. Anticipated publication months are December, March, June, and September (to give a few extra weeks to register for our Gettysburg trip). The Editor will email a "Call for articles" to Department Officers and Camp Commanders approximately 14 days prior to publication. However, any Brother who would like to submit an article or Camp news may do so at any time by contacting the Editor at suvcwclarioncall@gmail.com.

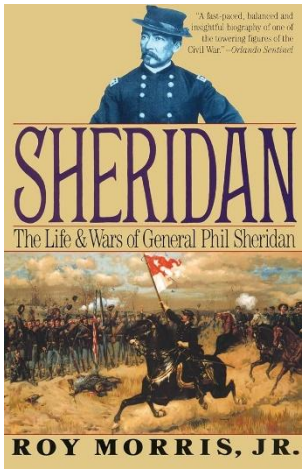
BOOK REVIEW

Sheridan: The Life & Wars of General Phil Sheridan by Roy Morris, Jr.

In *Sheridan: The Life & Wars of General Phil Sheridan*, historian Roy Morris, Jr. delivers a well-paced biography of one of the Civil War's most dynamic—and controversial—figures. Drawing from Sheridan's memoirs and a wealth of military sources, Morris portrays him as a "pugnacious," fiercely determined commander who rose from modest beginnings as an Irish-Catholic immigrant to become one of the Union's foremost generals.

Morris emphasizes Sheridan's tactical boldness—his thrilling ride to rally troops at Cedar Creek, decisive Shenandoah Valley campaigns, and the crucial pursuit of Lee at Appomattox—as well as his keen logistical sense and attention to detail. Morris also doesn't shy from Sheridan's darker chapters—his harsh methods during Reconstruction and the Indian Wars.

The biography offers a clear overview and will serve the reader well as an *informative primer* on Sheridan's extraordinary career. This book is factual and fair. It brings to life Sheridan's military drive and determination, even as it acknowledges his flaws and moral complexities. For those looking for a captivating and honest look at one of America's most daring generals, this biography offers a compelling starting point.



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